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SUBJECT: MINISTER HATTERSLEY'S TALKS WITH GREEK AND  
TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS

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1. WE DEBRIEFED FCO SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT HEAD  
GOODISON MAY 28 ON HATTERSLEY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH GREEK  
AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING RECENT TRIP TO  
CENTO MEETING ON WHICH GOODISON ACCOMPANIED HIM. HE  
BRIEFED US ON HATTERSLEY'S SHORT (ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR)  
MEETING WITH BITSIOS TO COMPLEMENT ACCOUNT PROVIDED DE-  
PARTMENT OF HATTERSLEY'S MEETING WITH CAGLAYANGIL (REF-  
TEL). FOLLOWING WERE MOST INTERESTING POINTS HE MADE.

2. BITSIOS/CAGLAYANGIL MEETING IN ROME. BITSIOS AND  
CAGLAYANGIL BOTH GAVE IDENTICAL ACCOUNTS OF ROME MEETING.  
THEY DESCRIBED ATMOSPHERE AS POSITIVE AND RESULTS AS NEGA-  
TIVE. ACCORDING TO BITSIOS, CAGLAYANGIL EXPLAINED HE  
COULD NOT PRESENT ANY TURKISH POSITIONS BECAUSE OF  
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COALITION CRISIS IN TURKEY. HOWEVER, HE WOULD LIKE A

"PHOTOGRAPH" OF GREEK INTENTIONS ON ALL POINTS AT ISSUE SO THAT HE MIGHT BRIEF HIS GOVERNMENT. BITSIOS TOLD HATTERSLEY HE DID NOT SEE WHAT ADVANTAGE THERE WAS IN EXPOSING GREEK POSITION COMPLETELY THIS WAY IF CAGLAYANGIL HAD NOTHING TO GIVE IN RETURN. HE, NEVERTHELESS, PROVIDED SOME GENERAL IDEAS OF GREEK THINKING, ALONG LINES OF WALDHEIM PROPOSALS AT VIENNA FOR MOST PART. BRITISH HAVE IMPRESSION BITSIOS AND CAGLAYANGIL DISCUSSED ONLY CYPRUS, NOT AEGEAN. GREEKS WERE DEPRESSED WITH IMPLICATIONS OF TURKISH ATTITUDE THAT GREEKS TURKS SETTLE OUTLINES OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT POWERS IN CYPRUS BETWEEN THEMSELVES, RATHER THAN LEAVING THAT TO CLERIDES/DENKTASH FORUM. NEVERTHELESS, BITSIOS FELT HE HAD PRESERVED GOOD WILL RELATIONSHIP WITH CAGLAYANGIL, AND THE TWO AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN BRUSSELS.

3. GREECE IN EEC. GREEKS MADE IT CLEAR TO HATTERSLEY THAT THEY WILL APPLY FOR EC MEMBERSHIP SOMETIME AFTER OUTCOME OF BRITISH REFERENDUM (JUNE 5) IS KNOWN. HATTERSLEY RESPONDED THAT HE WELCOMES SUCH PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE, THOUGH HE POINTED OUT THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULTIES IN ACTUAL NEGOTIATION. (GOODISON POINTED OUT GREEKS ARE WELL AWARE OF PROBLEMS ITALIANS AND FRENCH WILL RAISE OVER GREEK AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AS WELL AS GERMAN HESITATIONS OVER PROBABLE GREEK FINANCIAL NEEDS.) GREEKS WERE PLEASED WITH HATTERSLEY'S WORDS TO THE PRESS WELCOMING GREEK MEMBERSHIP.

4. BRITISH RESIDENTS IN TURKISH SECTOR. GOODISON CONFIRMED THAT HATTERSLEY MADE A FIRM, FORMAL STATEMENT TO CAGLAYANGIL OBJECTING TO CURRENT CONDITIONS OF BRITISH RESIDENTS IN TURKISH SECTOR OF CYPRUS. CAGLAYANGIL MADE INTERESTING GESTURE OF SAYING HE WAS NOT HAPPY WITH HIS BRIEFING PAPERS ON THIS QUESTION. HE, THEREFORE, WOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY REPLY BUT WOULD GIVE THE MATTER SERIOUS PERSONAL CONSIDERATION, TEMPERED WITH A SENSE OF JUSTICE. BRITISH INTERPRET THIS AS MOST HOPEFUL SIGN THEY HAVE HAD TO DATE OF POSSIBLE PROGRESS ON THIS QUESTION. THEY HOPE PRIME MINISTER WILSON WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THE PROBLEM TO DEMIREL WHEN THEY

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MEET IN BRUSSELS, AND BRITISH WILL PURSUE WITH CAGLAYANGIL AS OPPORTUNITY PERMITS.

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